

ABSTRACT

A data reception/playback apparatus includes sending means for sending a transmission request to a transmission apparatus, reception means for receiving stream data transmitted from the transmission apparatus in response to the transmission request, 5 selection means for selecting a playback start position from a playback start position table where at least one playback start position is stored, and playback means for playing the stream data. The sending means requests the transmission apparatus to transmit the table, the reception means receives the table, the selection means selects a playback start position from the table, the sending means requests the transmission apparatus to transmit 10 the stream data from the playback start position, the reception means receives the stream data, and the playback means plays the received stream data. Therefore, even when the data reception/playback apparatus receives the stream data from some midpoint in the stream, the apparatus can correctly play the stream data.